

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

FINANCIAL QUALITY INCENTIVE FOR NURSING HOMES

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to add a quality incentive for nursing homes who receive national quality award status or accreditation. Effective for dates of services on or after July 1, 2020, the Department proposes the following quality incentive increases to the nursing home per diem.

Nursing Home Per Diem is comprised of the following rates:

Routine and Special Services, Dietary, Laundry and Housekeeping, Maintenance of Plant, Administrative and General, Supplemental Administrative and General- General and Professional Liability Insurance, Property and Related.

The financial incentive will be applied to the Routine and Special Services cost center (Quarterly Case Mix Based Per Diem Rate Calculation worksheet, line 22 Nurse Staff HR/Quality Add-on Per Diem). The incentive is based upon the award type and level.

Award Type/Level	Financial Incentive (Applied to Routine and Special Services Rate)
AHCA Bronze; The Joint Commission	• Add 1% to My InnerView quality add-on, not to exceed a maximum add-on of 2%.
AHCA Silver	• Add 1% to the quality add-on, not to exceed a total quality add-on of 3 %
AHCA Gold	• Add 2% to the quality add-on, not to exceed a total quality add-on of 4 %

This change is estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2021 as follows:

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Aged, Blind and Disabled	\$450,000	\$971,781	\$1,367,781

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **August 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., via WebEx audio**. There will be no **in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Event number: 127 549 7609

Event password: Public

To join the online event:

1. Copy the following link to a browser:

<https://dchevents.webex.com/dchevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=e4e8d25f4b113f2b02ec89575c4de1dd2>

2. Click "Join Now".

Join the audio conference only:

Call-in toll number (US/Canada): 1-650-479-3207 Access code: 127 549 7609

Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **August 27, 2020**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **September 10, 2020 Board** meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner